

Human Resources Provisions in the *Deficit Reduction Act*

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House Bill	Senate Bill	Conference Report
<i>Welfare to Work</i>		
1. Extends TANF through FY2010 at current funding level.	No change.	Same as House.
2. Raises target work rate among welfare families to 70%.	No change.	No change (i.e. retains current 50% rate).
3. Reduces target work rate only for future caseload drops.	No change.	Similar to House.
4. Establishes 40-hour work week for welfare recipients.	No change.	No change.
5. Tightens definition of “work” for welfare recipients.	No change.	No change.
<i>Child Care</i>		
6. Increases child care by \$500 million.	No change.	Increases child care by \$1 billion.
<i>Marriage and Fatherhood</i>		
7. Provides \$1 billion to promote healthy marriage.	No change.	Similar to House, but only \$500 million for marriage, plus \$250 million for fatherhood.
<i>Child Support Enforcement</i>		
8. Provides more child support payments to families.	No change.	Similar to House, with larger payments.
9. Ends “double dipping” on federal incentive funds, and reduces federal administrative match rate from 66% to 50%.	No change.	Ends double dipping, but retains current 66% federal match rate (i.e. no change).
<i>Foster Care</i>		
10. Clarifies eligibility for Federal foster care payments and Federal foster care administrative funds, consistent with longstanding law and practice.	No change.	Same as House, but adds \$300 million in new spending for (1) child protection services to families and (2) court improvements.

Note: All \$ figures are over 5 years.